

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/316,040

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed on 10/27/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 17-54, 57-67 (newly numbered claims are 1-64).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 2/22/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 11/10/04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

1. This action is in response to the RCE filed on 10/27/2004.
2. Claims 16, 55-56 have been canceled.
3. Claims 1, 20, 36, 44, and 66 have been amended.
4. Claims 1-15, 17-54, 57-67 have been allowed.

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Castellano, applicant's attorney on 11/10/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claims:

In claim 44, line 1, "A propagated signal," has been replaced by -- A computer system with a propagated signal, --

#### ***REASON FOR ALLOWANCE***

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, a method for creating a wizard comprising: prompting a plurality of

input process steps and a plurality of potential selections associated with each of the input process steps, the plurality of input process steps being displayed concurrently in the wizard, and each of the plurality of input process steps including a corresponding plurality of potential selections which are displayed in the same displayed wizard, as recited in the independent claims 1, 20, 36, 44 and 66.

In the closest prior art the article, "TaskGuides: Instant Wizard in the Web", Tidwell discloses a method for creating a wizard; prompting input of process steps and a plurality of potential selections associated with each of the process steps; storing the input process steps and using the stored process steps and associated potential selections to create the wizard.

Tidwell does not disclose the plurality of input process steps being displayed concurrently in the wizard, and each of the plurality of input process steps including a corresponding plurality of potential selections that are displayed in the same displayed wizard, as recited in the independent claims.

### ***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made or record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

TITLE: System, method and article of manufacture for an activity framework design in an e-commerce based environment, US 6718535 B1.

TITLE: Business components framework, US 6601233 B1.

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TITLE: A Framework for Visualizing Object-Oriented Systems, author: Haarslev et al, ACM, 1990.

TITLE: Active Documentation: Wizards as a Medium for Meeting User Needs, author: Phelps, ACM, 1997.

TITLE: Case for Web Sites Towards an Integration of Traditional case Concepts and Novel Development Tools, author: Jung et al, ACM, 1998.

TITLE: Creating an Interactive Tutorial for a Web-Based Product, author: Shurety, ACM, 1998.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chameli Das whose telephone number is 571-272-2696.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Tuan Dam can be reached at 571-272-2695. The fax number for this group is (703) 872-9306.

An inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-9600.

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*11/10/04*